

Energy MLP Classification Standard

The Energy MLP Classification Standard is a framework for standardizing the sector classifications of energy infrastructure companies. Companies are categorized by their primary business activity, with an additional delineation by product for certain activities to account for structural differences in business risk.



Pipeline Transportation Petroleum

Transportation via large-diameter pipeline of crude oil and refined petroleum products.



Pipeline Transportation Natural Gas

Transportation via large-diameter pipeline of natural gas and natural gas liquids.



Gathering & Processing

Transportation of hydrocarbons from the wellhead to processing plants, fractionation facilities, and aggregation points for large-diameter pipelines and the processing of natural gas and natural gas liquids. Transportation and processing of water in support of hydrocarbon production.



Super-cooling natural gas and transforming it from a gaseous state into a liquid, which can be shipped overseas.



Storage

Storage of crude oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas, and natural gas liquids in above ground tanks, depleted gas reservoirs, aquifers, and salt caverns.



Rail Terminaling

Loading and unloading of liquid hydrocarbons from railcars.



Marketing

Retail or wholesale distribution of heating fuels (propane and heating oil) or motor fuels (gasoline and diesel).



Provision of natural gas compression services.